

REMARKS

In the Office Communication mailed on September 9, 2003, the Office stated, in reference to Applicants' Amendment mailed on June 27, 2003, that "claim 23, as marked-up, does not correspond to the previous version of claim 23." Applicants now submit a substitute listing of the Amendments to the Claims that replaces the listing of claim amendments submitted with Applicants' June 27th Amendment. This substitute listing includes a marked-up version of claim 23 that corresponds to the previous version of claim 23. Applicants submit that the present claim amendments are in compliance with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, effective July 30, 2003.

Further, as stated in Applicants' June 27th Amendment, support for the amendment to claim 1 is found, for example, on page 42, line 16; support for the amendment to claim 8 is found, for example, in claim 9 (canceled herewith) and in the specification at page 1, line 9, page 8, lines 25-26, and page 24, lines 17-21; and support for the amendment to claim 23 is found, for example, in claims 1 and 8. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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